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SUBJECT: RESEARCH REACTOR SALE TO LIBYA

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1. BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW QUITE PRECISELY WHAT GENERAL ATOMIC SAID TOPLIBYANS ABOUT USAEC WITHDRAWAL OF EXPORT LICENSE. AS WE RECALL, C-130 AFFAIR, WHICH LOOMS SO LARGE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, BEGAN IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IT IS HOPED COMPANY AND LIBYANS WILL NOT PROCEED WITH ANY FALSE OPTIMISM ABOUT CHANCES OF USG APPROVAL IN THE END. FOR OUR INFO, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED WHETHER USAEC EXPORT LICENSE IN THIS CASE HAS TO BE REQUESTED BY AMERICAN COMPANY OR BY LIBYAN GOVT.

2. LARG CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE IN DEVELOPING ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM UNDER NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER OF PLANNING AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, RCC MEMBER MAJOR MUHAYSHI. FORMATION OF NEW ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. ALSO GROUP OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED SELECTED LIBYAN STUDENTS ARE PREPARING TO DEPART FOR U.S. IN NEXT FEW WEEKS TO BEGIN SEVERAL YEAR PROGRAM OF NUCLEAR STUDIES IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.
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